

Morning Highlights

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FIRE UPDATE

Four fires were reported to the Alaska Interagency Coordination Center Tuesday.

- A 50-acre fire was discovered and flown by a surveillance flight. The fire, located roughly 45 miles southeast of Fort Yukon, may be a continuation of the Little Big Creek Fire from 2007 or may be from a more recent lightning strike. It is not contained and not staffed, but is in monitor status, which means fire personnel are keeping aware of its activity via MODIS satellite imagery and surveillance flights.
- Three less-than-an-acre, human-caused fires were reported Tuesday- one each on Fort Wainwright lands, near Salcha, and near Wasilla. Each of the three fires are now out or contained.

So far this year a total of 166 fires have been reported and have burned nearly 1,317 acres statewide.

WEATHER CONDITIONS PROVIDE OPPORTUNITY TO PREPARE

Current weather patterns are making much of the state cooler, cloudy, and frequented by scattered rain showers. When it isn't raining, this weather provides a good opportunity to prepare your home and property for when conditions do warm and dry and there is the potential for wildland fires. A guide to use is found at: <http://forestry.alaska.gov/pdfs/06Firewise.pdf> Today is a great day to move the wood pile away from your house and out to at least thirty feet away from the nearest structure.

BURN PERMIT INFORMATION

Burn permits are issued by the Alaska Division of Forestry. To obtain burn permits and information about permitted burn restrictions, please contact your local Division of Forestry office:

<i>Fairbanks Area:</i>	<i>907-451-2626</i>
<i>Delta Area:</i>	<i>907-895-2106</i>
<i>Tok Area:</i>	<i>907-883-5134</i>
<i>Mat-Su District:</i>	<i>907-761-6312</i>
<i>Kenai-Kodiak Area:</i>	<i>907-260-4269</i>
<i>Valdez/ Copper River Area:</i>	<i>907-822-5536</i>
<i>Northern Southeast Area (Skagway/ Haines):</i>	<i>907-766-2120</i>

For additional State of Alaska burn permit information, please visit:

<http://forestry.alaska.gov/burn/>

*In Anchorage, please contact the Anchorage Fire Department's Wildfire Mitigation Office at 267-5020.

ADDITIONAL REFERENCES

- Alaska Interagency Coordination Center: <http://fire.ak.blm.gov/>
 - Map of Current Fires: <http://fire.ak.blm.gov/predsvcs/maps.php>
 - Situation Report: <http://fire.ak.blm.gov/content/aicc/sitreport/current.pdf>
 - National Fire Situation: <http://www.nifc.gov/nicc/sitreprt.pdf>
- Alaska Wildland Fire Coordinating Group- Education and Reference Materials: <http://fire.ak.blm.gov/administration/awfcg.php>
- Creating Defensible Space: <http://firewise.org/> and <http://forestry.alaska.gov/pdfs/06Firewise.pdf>
- Department of Transportation (Road Closure Info): (907) 451-2240, <http://511.alaska.gov/>
Alaska Division of Forestry (Burn Permit Info): <http://forestry.alaska.gov/burn/>
- Department of Environmental Conservation (Smoke Concerns): <http://www.dec.state.ak.us/air/am/smoke.htm>
- National Parks Service: <http://www.nps.gov/akso/Fire/firehome.htm>
- National Weather Service: <http://www.nws.noaa.gov/>
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife: <http://www.fws.gov/fire/>
- USDA Forest Service: <http://www.fs.fed.us/fire/>
- Anchorage Fire Department: www.muni.org/fire
- Temporary Flight Restriction Information: <http://airspace.nifc.gov/mapping/nifc/>
- Federal Aviation Administration: <http://www.faa.gov/>

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